failed to return.

Germans Lose 200 Guns.

Reuter's correspondent at army headouarters in France sends the following:
The number of guns and howitzers captured by the British is now believed to be 200. The loss of these weapons must considerably weaken the German defensive power. Trained teams of artillerymen now accompany the infantry in every advance, in order to make prompt use against their former owners of any guns taken.

French Make Progress.

PARIS, April 14.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Between St. Quentin and the Oise our batteries continued their destructive fires. Our troops have organized the ground that we gained yesterday. enemy has countered with his ar-

Germans Claim Success. BERLIN, via London, April 14 .- The

mented strong British accommends with heavy losses.

"Artillery engagements along the Aisne and in western Champagna con-

High Explosive Shells Are Poured in on Lens: Warfare Has Changed SEVEN BILLIONS

m a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, via London, April 14.—Heavy high explosive shells were pouring into Lens late today and were undoubtedly giving impetus to the German dans to fall back from that central nining city, which has been in hands of, the Germans since the autumn of 1914, together with the mineral wealth represented in the sur-rounding district. Fires in Lens, seen for the first time yesterday afternoon, were smoldering today. There appar-ently was no general conflagration. Time

were smoldering today. There apparently was no general conflagration. Time and time again explosions could be seen within the city.

Lens stretches over several miles, however, and in far distant parts of the city smoke could be observed pouring from tall chimneys as if the industrial activities of the Germans in the French factories were progressing as usual. British patrols were this afternoon pressing toward the this afternoon pressing toward the from all directions.

Able to See Douai.

the northern slopes of Vimy ridge, recently captured from the Gerwhite towns of northern France. It appears in the distance as one great splotch of red—red walls, red roofs, red chimneys—out of which loom the gray walls and gray towers of the cathedral.

Mine towers dot the surrounding country almost as thickly as oil derricks in the petroleum districts of America. Great slar hears rise here and there like so the surrounding country had cost at least \$350,000,000 and that not one cent had ever been returned.

Mr. Montague's Speech stag heaps rise, here and there like so many Egyptian pyramids. Into and around these red buildings and slag heaps shells exploded throughout the afternoon, throwing up dense clouds of brick dust, which, caught up by the April storm wind, spread a pinkish yellow pall over the lower sections of the city.

Mr. Montague's Speech.

In his speech he said:

"Timothy Pickering, the secretary of state, in an official document, declared that France gave and loaned us together 13,000,000 livres, which perhaps in the

German Guns Are Used.

Above Lens occasional shrapnel shells broke. With the usual British white puffballs were mingled densely black puffs, the latter being the German 5.9 shrappel recently captured and turned against the Germans. Several times previously during

bardment with which the offensive began ast Monday and that when inaugurated the battles of the Somme has subscribe as a general principle to that July was so great that it is difficult to statement, but I can never subscribe to a statement which prevents this nation from Making discrimination in behalf of a naturillery officers were seeing large. artifiery officers were seeing large shells fired from their guns for the first time. When the battle of Arras began the British officers and gun crews han-dled the weapons like veterans. Behind them lay six or seven months of conman positions as practice targets

Familiar With Gunnery.

All winter long the British guns have roared, in order that when the offensive began every artilleryman would have a thorough knowledge of and familiarity with the various phases of the modern school of gunnery. The rapidity and precision with which the bombardment was carried out has been one of the distinct features of the new success. The small losses suffered were due largely to the co-operation and effective work of the artillery. Every step now made forward finde survey of the means the ground that and and sea forces of France can be subordinated to the interest of or sympathy with any other nation. My sympathies are such that I would by sympathies are such that I would very gladly do something for France th

April 12 large quantities of explosives were dropped by our airplanes with good results on enemy stations, ammunition depots and airdomes, and hostille infantry and convoys were attacked successfully with machine gun fire. In the course of the fighting behind the enemy lines four German machines were brought down and six others were driven down. Twelve of our machines failed to return.

they disregard entirely their cers and non-commissioned offi-his absence of discipline is rein the case of discipling is the state of dispersioners. It seems indicative of mind in the German man officers and non-common officers are considered as a common of the common of the

maneuvering two days ago in which the British troops completely outwitted part of one of Germany's crack reginents. It is rather a striking com-mentary that when the war began the officer in command of the British unit was a young solleitor and such a thing oldiers into battle had never

ed operations, which continue to widen with time, have been so much smaller of the Oise we have made of than would be naturally expected in artillery has been attacks upon such strong positions as tation in the forest of St. those from which the Germans have the upper forest of Coucy, been driven that the army authorities Asine and in the region of the fairly inhibit. Another gratifying are fairly jubilant. Another gratifying never having transferred her member-The ims both artilleries were active. "In Champagne and the Vosges the cannorading was quite violent in various sectors. An enemy surprise attack on one of our small posts northeast of Ville Sur Tourbe failed." "Cannonading on both sides occurred in the regions of Dixmude, Zuyd-Schoote and Mar Sur Dixmude, Zuyd-Schoote and Dixmude, sed with which the British troops we everywhere attained their obtions which they had held for two ars has given the army a higher ghting spirit than it ever had before. The turning of the top of the Hindenburg line, to which attention is now dically called in the communiques, has been an achievement of which the full importance has naturally not yet been developed. The Germans, by the way, no longer call this line after Hindenburg, but know it as the Siegfried line. The switch to that line from Queant north, which, prisoners say, is not yet finished and was not expected to be used except as a last except as a last expected to be used except as a last expected to be used except as a last expected to be used except as a last except and the country.

The turning of the top of the top of the country.

Being a native official statement issued this evening on the campaign on the western front Hindenburg, but In the extreme south the Hindenburg line is known as the Albrecht line. The complete smashing of the Vimy ridge seems to have somewhat upset the German line, but they evidently determined to put up the strongest possible defensive fight before falling back again.

VOTED BY HOUSE IN WAR MEASURE

(Continued from First Page.)

since there is no opposition to it, expects to report it to the Senate at once. Leaders expect to keep it the unfinished business until passed. There will be no great opposition on the floor. Although there may be some debate.

Consideration of the ways of producing new taxes to meet in whole or in part the Treasury certificates for \$2,000,000,000 will begin in the ways and means committee this week.

Urges Proper Recognition of the Aid Given by France to Infant U. S. Republic

In the hope that some day the United States may do something for France mans, it was possible through the brilliantly clear atmosphere today to see the public has for the nation which aided spires and chimneys of Douai, still a the thirteen original colonies during German stronghold, Nearer, Lens seemed the revolution, Representative Monto lie almost at the very foot of the ridge, with its suburb. Livein, sprawling well into the new British lines. Lens presents a striking contrast to the usual gray white towns of northern France. It appears to the distance of virginia delivered a ringing speech in the House yesterday. His words met with the strong approval of his audience, on the floor and in the galleries, and he was amplauded gentague of Virginia delivered a ringing

53,000,000 livres, which perhaps in the purchasing power of today was far in excess of \$50,000,000. France was then a nation of 25,000,000 people, but that fact is insignificant. She gave us 9,000,000 livres; she remitted the interest on the loan for nearly fifteen years. All that is misignificant, too. She came to our assistance with an army and a navy that our independence a success and our attainment of free institution the war German light field pieces have been turned against them, but this was the first time the heavier calibers were and to discuss this question a possibilit and an assurance.

loosed

Some of the points surrounding Lens which are already occupied by the British were thorns in the side of these same soldiers during the famous battles of the though, one hundred and forty-five years those salient. It was impossible at that ago to accept the fowl, plucked, picked, time to blow the Germans out of their stuffed and put upon the table. The hon-stronger positions. But now all this is orable geneticment from New York Medical proposed to the stronger positions. positions. But now all this is orable gentleman from New York, Mr. The difference between the bord-fitzgerald, intimated that perhaps there taken the offensive began should be no discrimination as respects day and that when the British the nations of the world. I myself would patriotic demonstrations ever wit-

that the primary purpose and chief thing is the interest of the United States, which should not be subordinated to the interest of the United States, which should not be subordinated to the interest of the field of battle."

largely to the co-operation and effective work of the artillery. Every step now made forward finds guns of all calibers and men. When the surrender of the word to place a destructive fits for the word to place as destructive fits for the word to place the Prench army surpassed in numbers the American results are my surpassed in numbers the surrender for york town took place the Prench army surpassed the will all the surpassed the milital that was then co-operating with or auxiliary surpassed the milital that was then co-operating with or auxiliary surpassed in numbers the surrender for york own the milital that was then co-operating with or away the many surpassed in numbers the surrender for york own the milital that was then co-operating with or the milital that was then co-operating with or the milital that was then co-operating with the surrender for york own the milital that was then co-operating with or the milital that was then co-operating with or the milital that was then co-operating with the fits of the milital that was then co-operating with the mili

BEGINS CAMPAIGN FOR D. A. R. HONORS

Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis Denies Withdrawal From Race for President General.

Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, wife of the senator from Illinois, will open headquarters in the Shoreham Hotel tomorrow morning in the interests of her candidacy for president general of tion. Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. Lewis will be hostess at an informal reception at the Shoreham for delegates to the congress of the D. A. R., which

ts aw a bit of field years of the congress of the D. A. R., which the appletely outwitted many's crack regiser a striking combete of the Star yesterday, "I was er a striking combete of the Star yesterday, "I was the war began the of the British unit for and such a thing into battle had never for years of traints and the property of the dent general of the D. A. R. How this report gained circulation is a mystery to me. It is utterly groundless, as I am the race to stay. Nobody was report gained circulation is a mystery to me. It is utterly groundless, as I am in the school of actual war works its own wonders.

Losses Comparatively Small.

The losses in the recently inaugurated operations, which continue to widen with time, have been so much smaller that I shall remain in the race until it is over."

Member of Charleston, S. C., Chapter

Motte Chapter of Charleston, S. C., ship to an Illinois chapter. She en-

SUPPORT FROM UNIONS

To Send Petition for Financial Aid to 1,100 Central Bodies and 28,000 Locals.

Presidents and secretaries of local unions, meeting at Painters' Hall, 6th and G streets, last evening voted to present to the Central Labor Union, which meets tomorrow night at Typographical Temple, a petition to be sent to unions all over the country asking

of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

There are 28,000 locals and 1,100 central bodies to which it is proposed to send this petition. The car men hope to have on it the signatures of Samuel Gompers, president, and Frank Mourison, secretary, of the American Federation of Labor.

At a meeting of the executive council, Division 689, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America, held last evening at union headquarters, J. H. Cookman was elected a delegate to the convension of the Maryland State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor, which begins its meetings at Cumberliand, Md., tomorrow. Through this body appeal will be made to the public utilities commission of Maryland to ald the strikers by charging that the service of the Washington Railway and Electric Railway and Electric Railway and the strikers by charging that the service of the Washington Railway and Electric Railway and Electric Railway and the strikers by charging that the service of the Washington Railway and Electric Railway Employes of America, held last evening at union the signatures of Samuel to be chosen. After vocal music by Miss Florence Macbeta accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Bayly, the session will conduct devotional excepts and vice regents will be confirmed. The commission of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, held last evening at the service of a number of commission of the Maryland to ald the strikers by charging that the service of a number of committees will be taken on its suggestions. Any unfinished business will then be disposed for D. A. R. Editorship by Litchfield, Conn., Chapter Elevent.

Memorial addresses will close after a morning session Saturday. Rev. A. A. F. Anderson will conduct devotional excepts and vice regents will be confirmed. The commission of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, held last evening at the service of the device of the devent of the mach the service the strikers by charging that the service of the Washington Railway and Electric lines running into Maryland has been impaired by the strike

was stated, to the families of the strikers. Mrs. George C. Wells was in charge of the arrange-

NEW YORK'S PATRIOTS HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS

Curb Brokers Dedicate Flag and Presence of 300 Sailors Starts Outburst at Ball Game.

NEW YORK, April 14 -- Unfurling of an immense American flag over the New York curb market late today ocnessed in the financial district. A crowd estimated at more than 10,000 persons sang patriotic airs and listened to stir

making discrimination in behalf of a nation that made this nation possible."

Mr. Fitzgerald Interrupts.

"I did not intimate," interrupted Representative Fitzgerald, "that there should not be any discrimination. I said in discussing what we are doing at this time that the country of the co

RETIRING PRESIDENT GENERAL OF THE D. A. R. AND CANDI-



treasurer general, Mrs. William S Augsbury as historian general, Mrs. Edward Orton, ir., as director general in charge of the report to the Smithsonian Institution: Mrs. George M. Sternian Institution:

general, Mrs. Joseph E. Ransdell as

berg as librarian general, and Mrs. Catharine E. Barlow as curator general,

The session will close with reports by Mrs. George M. Young as chairman of the finance committee and of Mrs.

Program for Opening

Sessions of the D. A. R.

Opening sessions of the D. A. R.

10 O'CLOCK A.M.

The bugler-Arthur S. Witcomb, United States Marine Band.

Twenty-sixth Continental Congress called to order by the president general, Mrs. William

Scripture and prayer, Mrs. Mary Lockwood, chaplain general.

Welcome, the president general.

Report of the committee on credentials, Miss Eliza Ferry

Report of the committee on pro-

gram — Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, chairman; Mrs. William Wallace Gaar, vice chairman.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Invocation, Rev. Roland Cotton

Song, "The Star Spangled Ban-ner," Martha Phillips, soprano; Erin Ballard, accompanist.

Address, the president general, Mrs. William Cumming Story.

"Song, "The Story of Old Glory, the Flag We Love," J. F. M. Bowie; Percy S. Foster, planist. Address, E. M. Wentworth, pres-ident general, National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Song, "Moonlight, Starlight,

Calberte, Mrs. Florence A. Otis; Claude Warford, planist.

Address, J. Jusserand, ambas-

Songs (Scandinavian folk songs), Martha Phillips, soprano, Address, Newell B. Woodworth,

past president general. Sons of

Presentation by Mrs. Simon Baruch of the portrait of the president general.

Song, "Old Glory," Kate C. Mc-Curdy, Mrs. Otts.

Benediction, Rev. John Brittan EVENING. Reception by the president general at Memorial Continental Hall rom 9(to 11 o'clock.

aerican Revolution Address, "Universal Military Training," Lieut Gen. S. B. M. Young, U. S. A., president Na-tional Association for Universal Military Training.

Congress tomorrow:

Cumming Story.

Leary, chairman.

Roll call.

Music.

nk Foster Greenawalt as chairman

MRS. WILLIAM CUMMING Upper: 'MRS. President general.

ower: MRS. JOHN MILLER HORTON. Lower: MRS. GEORGE C. SQUIRES.

Frank Foster Greenawalt as chairman of the auditing committee.

At the afternoon session other reports will be received. Mrs. Story, as chairman, and Mrs. Robert Lansing, as secretary of the Memorial Continental Hall committee, will make their reports on the indebtedness account for the structure. Donations to pay the debt on the hall will then be received. There is so much confidence that these donations will suffice to meet the \$15.000 bonded indebtedness outstandight of the U. S. Daughters of 1812, \$15,000 bonded indebtedness outstanding, that Miss Alice L. McDuffee has been selected to make announcement before the congress that the final pay-

before the congress that the final payment has been made.

Reports will be made by the chairman of the magazine committee, by the editor of the magazine and by the chairmen of the Franco-American and Philippines scholarship committees.

Nomination of Officers.

Nomination of national officers will be in order Tuesday evening. Of the eleven vice presidents general to be in evening will close with an illus-

"National Preparedness" will be the ice of the Washington Railway and Electric lines running into Maryland has been impaired by the strike.

More than 4,000 tickets were sold, it John Barrett, Miss Grace Parker, John Magazine in the congress which opens John Barrett, Miss Grace Parker, John Barrett, Miss Grace and Lieut Faulkner. The National Quartet will sing several numbers; other vocal contributions will be given by Miss Agnes Whelan. Miss Alice Todhunter will read "I Am an Control of Which Miss Lincoln is a mem-American."

The sessions of Thursday, morning ber. She has the unanimous indorseand afternoon, will be given over to the reading of other reports. Rabbi A. Simon will lead the devotional exergies in the control of the reading of other reports. When the read other states.

Miss Lincoln who is widely known.

Miss Lincoln, who is widely known cises in the morning. The afternoon as an author, having published seven of proposed amendments to the by-laws at the expling session, beginning at selections of the D. A. R. Magazine for five he evining session, beginning at 8 ck, state regents will make reports, o'clock, state regents will make reports, state songs will be heard and gifts from state organizations to the national society will be received. The annual banquet then will be held in the ballroom of the New Willard Hotel. Mrs. W. H. Alline is chairman and Mrs. Frederick months at the beginning of the present administration of the society. She became convinced that a more businesslike system of publishing the magazine was imperative, including the publica-tion of the magazine in Washington and the employment of a competent manager. She submitted business manager. She submitted a plan for reorganizing the publication system, but it was rejected by the present administration, and Miss Lincoln tendered her resignation. Since then she has been urged by members of the society in many parts of the country to be a candidate again for the editorship.

ship.
Miss Lincoln is the daughter of Mrs. Miss Lincoln is the daughter of Mrs. N. S. Lincoln and the late Dr. Nathen Smith Lincoln of this city. On her mother's side Miss Lincoln is directly descended from William Bradford, second governor of Massachusetts. Lieut. Thomas Tracy, the founder of Norwich. Thomas Tracy, the founder of Norwich, Conn., is another ancestor, as well as Rev. Peter Hobart, founder of Hingham, Mo. Among her ancestors on her father's side are Gen. Jonatham Chase of revolutionary fame and Rev. Peter Hobart, founder of Hingham, Mo. Among her ancestors on her father's side are Gen. Jonatham Chase of revolutionary fame and Rev. Peter Hobart, founder of Hingham, Mo. Among her ancestors on her father's side are Gen. Jonatham Chase of revolutionary fame and Rev. Peter Hobart, founder of Hingham, Mo. Among her ancestors on her father's side are Gen. Jonatham Chase of the provisional government will bring about a state of anarchy throughout the country and demoralize the Russian army.

She is adjutant of the National Service School encampment, which starts tomorrow on the Conduit road, and is treasurer of the Woman's Section of the Naty League.

U. S. EMBASSY STAFF

Navy League.

RECEPTION FOR MRS. STORY.

Given by Secretary and Regents of Smithsonian Institution.

Vavy League.

a reception was given by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary, and regents of the today on a special train. The particular today on the dispatch adds, will not have to Smithsonian Institution last evening from 9 until 11 o'clock in the New Na tional Museum. All menibers of the D. A. R. were invited and between four and five hundred were present. In the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, Mrs. Story, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Delos A. to Be Completed in Year. Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Delos A. Blodgett, Mrs. Edward Orton, jr., and Mrs. William C. Boyle.

D. A. R. NOTES.

pastor of the church, is to preach on "The Spirit of 1620 and Its Bearing on the Spirit of 1776."

The Bishop of Washington has invited

Cathedral, Wisconsin avenue.

January to compel the railroads, under heavy penalties, to carry out certain rules for relieving car shortage and liam Cumming Story, president general, for members of the congress, resident and rules have resulted in general resulting Daughters and their friends and members of all patriotic societies and order no longer necessary.

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their friends tomorrow evening from 11 o'clock, at Memorial Continental

GEORGE THACHER

The Minnesota chapters are to give a reception in honor of Mrs. George C. Squires from 4 to 7 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Powhatan Hotel. A state meeting of the Michigan dele-gation is to be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Michigan room in Memo-trial Continental Hell

John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, has extended an invitation to the members of the D. A. R. to visit the Pan-American building during their stay

Mrs. H. F. Lewis and Mrs. Robert Im-boden of Bristol, Tenn., are here as rep-representatives of the Sycamore Shoals Chapter. This chapter has the distinction of being 'he first to present an American flag to go to the front in the present war.

The Buffalo society was host yes-terday afternoon at a reception to the delegates to the congress. The re-ception was held in the red room of the New Willard.

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S. A. R. Officers to Confer.

sentative at Continental Hall, o

at Star office, 11th street and

Pennsylvania avenue.

A conference between Elmer Marston Wentworth, president general of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and other genwhere the organization exists.

TEUTONS HOPE ANARCHY WILL DEMORALIZE RUSS

PETROGRAD, April 14.—Regarding the Rumanian front the Russian statement

diers who deserted declare the Austrians sonally opposed to conscription, but

HAS LEFT VIENNA

THE HAGUE, April 14, via London, April 15, 3:40 a.m.-A dispatch to a news agency here from Vienna under today's date says that Joseph C. Grew, In honor of Mrs. William Cumming the American charge d'affaires, to- favor of conscription and universal In honor of Airs. William to the D. A. R., gether with the embassy staff and military training is becoming discern-American residents, is leaving Vienna able in the House as members are bedergo a search at the border

TO HASTEN CONSTRUCTION.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 14 -

Within three weeks, according to of-Delegates and visiting members to the twenty-sixth Continental Congress of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, have been invited to attend the services this evening at 8 o'clock in the First Congregational Church, 10th and G streets, Rev. James L. Gordon, pastor of the church, is to preach on "The"

Washington, the preliminary work on constructing the government's proposed eleven -million -dollar armor plate plant and seventeen -hundred -thousand-dollar projectific factory will be started here on one of the five sites offered to the government.

Both plate will be cause in the mainangements of the five sites offered to the government.

Both plate will be completed within one year under present arrangements, it is said.

I. C. C. Order to Railroads Postponed. of the drastic order entered by the in-

TO EXPAND GUARD

War Department Decides Law Is Mandatory and New Units May Be Formed.

SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT

Against the judgment of military exwas compelled to reverse a previous to be drafted later. ruling yesterday and announce that under existing law states have the right to organize new units of the National Guard. This opens the door to expansion of the existing guard force of about 125,000 men to 400,000 at peace strength, or more than 600,000 on war footing.

Secretary Approves Ruling.

The department has planned to draft of the guard plus such auxiliary troops have applied for permission to raise new regiments, however, and Secretary new regiments, however, and Secretary
Baker ordered a new study of the national defense act to determine whether the acceptance of new units up to the limits in the act was mandatory. Judge Advocate General Crowder took this view and his ruling was approved by the Secretary.

the Secretary.

An effort to prevent immediate organization of new regiments was made ganization of new regiments was made simultaneously, however. The governors were asked to see to it that existing units were filled up to peace strength before any new ones were organized. Shortage of equipment prevents the im-mediate acceptance of such new regi-ments, as the department has not had appropriations for reserve supplies, and nents, as the department has not had appropriations for reserve supplies, and it will take from two to three months oprovide for the forces which may be organized under yesterday's ruling. There are not enough supplies on hand to provide even for existing units at

No Skeleton Organizations.

Secretary Baker made it plain in comnunications to Gov. Cox of Ohio and others that the department would in no men for each new unit.

If the state force were raised to full strength the present total of more than 10,000 National Guard officers would have to be expanded to more than 30,000 to provide the officer personnel for the full twelve National Guard divisions A state meeting of the Massachusetts elegation is to be held this afternoon at o'clock at the New Willard Hotel. contemplated by the national defense contemplated by the national defense act. The War Department has felt distinctioned to add in this way to its alternative and heavy burden in finding and Familiar with a masculine voice answerthat are to be raised.

Requests for Hearings.

The Senate military committee yesthe war army legislation tomorrow by completing consideration of War Department amendments to the present national defense act to perfect the regular arms. When the war army legislation tomorrow by completing consideration of War Department amendments to the present national defense act to perfect the regular arms. terday cleared the way for taking up ular army reorganization. Whether public hearings on the new army bill and its selective draft feature will be held has not been decided. Many requests for hearings have been received. After a plea vesterday by Senator Hughes to double the pay of enlisted men, the committee decided to ask the War Department for suggestions, recommendations and cost estimates recommendations and cost estimates recommendations and cost estimates recommendations are considered in the Naval Reserve Corps, will be uniformed. The uniforms are expected to arrive in the near future. garding increase of the pay of the enlisted personnel from \$15 a month to \$20, \$25 and \$30.

Changes to Be Reported.

Virtually all changes in the national defense law suggested by the army general staff were accepted by the committee, and a bill incorporating them Paris. April 14 (delayed).-After the will be reported to the Senate tomor- meeting of the Spanish cabinet row. The amendments include authority Wednesday Premier Romanones deto increase the general staff to ninety-two members, to increase the number of machine gun companies in each army division from ten to twenty-three, and created for Spain from a commercial

like machine gun squards, to each unit. Separation Allowances

"Separation" allowances for soldiers' dependents in time of war, recom- of the San Fulgeno," says the newspaeral officers of the organization is to mended by the general staff in lieu of per Correspondencia de Espana. be held here today. The conference the \$50 monthly allowance given by be held here today. The conference will be held to devise some means whereby the 15,000 members of the organization may be made a factor of greatest value in carrying on practical patriotic work for the nation, protecting public property and tendering services wherever most needed throughout the states and communities in the organization avists.

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Today the cabinet also considered the possibility of a rupture between Germany and other Latin American republics and the possible paralysis of Spanish commerce, already hard hit by the war, which would be an inevitable considered the possible paralysis of Spanish commerce, already hard hit by the war, which would be an inevitable constitution, form the principal markets for the products of Catalonia and the eastern coast of Spain. mittee and included in the bill. These provide that during war dependents of enlisted men shall be paid \$15 monthly. If soldiers were killed in action, from wounds or disease, the dependents would receive an amount equal to their pay for six months and if in aviation service a year's pay.

Messages Show Divided Views.

The committee is divided on the selective draft proposal, with a majority, however, understood to favor the administration plan. Telegrams and letters are pouring in on both sides of "A number of Austrian officers and sol- the question. Many senators are per-

House Sentiment Reveals Decided Swing; Plan for

Conscription Gains Force

A decided swing of sentiment in favor of conscription and universal military training is becoming discernable in the House as members are beginning to hear from their constituents. The plea of the President and the War Department for selective conscription is apparently not falling upon deaf ears in the country at large, but in many sections is being received with in many sections is being received with high favor.

This change has come about within a week, and from all indications is on the increase all the time. Men in the House who a week ago were either ficial information received here from or uncertain about it are now dealer. Washington, the preliminary work on ing their adherence to it.

Asks Constituents' Advice.

est congressional districts in the United newly created state food conservation nembers of the organization to a special terstate commerce commission last States and lying in west Texas, almost entirely agricultural in industry, tele-

adopted strong resolutions favoring conscription.

Representative Slayden, who has also Representative Slayden, who has also been classed as antagenistic to conscription, is now taking a more favorable view of the policy, and the proponents of the measure expect his vota in favor of it. In the city of San Antonio, in his district, the Rotary Club, consisting of 167 business men, met and adopted resolutions urging the administration's policy.

Believes It Only Fair Way.

Representative Gregg of the Galveson district, who has been counted in the opposition, now says that he has come to the conclusion that selective onscription is the only fair way to determine the problem of enlisting ar army. He says that the volunteer sysperts as to the wise course in the pres- tem would take the cream of the youth ent emergency, the War Department of the country and leave the slackers

> district, who has been uncertain as to selective conscription, is now disposed to support the policy and to follow the lead of the President as the commander-in-chief of the military forces. Representative Buchanan of the Ausin district, who also was in the uncer tain list, is being counted in the affirmative on the proposition

Gov. Ferguson went to Dallas early nto federal service only existing units last week and addressed a mass meeting opposing conscription, and the as might be needed. Twenty states meeting adopted resolutions favoring

In the House the advocates of uni

GIRLS REPLACE MARINES AT NAVY YARD PHONES

Take Places at Switchboard Formerly Occupied by Men-To Wear Uniforms.

The navy yard has the distinction of being the first service station in the circumstances recognize skeleton or- United States to employ girl telephone ganizations, but would require a rea- operators. This change took effect last sonably full complement of officers and Thursday and now six young women are occupying the positions formerly held by marines.

> persons calling through the switchboard ing their calls, a number of callers desiring connections with various lines operated through the switchboard, not having

long by men.
Cots have been placed in the room occupied by the exchange for the girls' use. It is thought probable that the change will become permanent, as ex-

MADRID, Thursday, April 12, via to increase the number of non-commis-sioned officers in each army unit.

The War Department was asked also to submit suggestions regarding addi-

also discussed lengthily the torpedoing

coast of Spain.

Among the statistics read at the cabi-

Mrs. Carrie Bailey Reports Property Missing-Other Robberies.

were not taken.

forty pounds of sausage meat that wa in a wagon of Andrew Loffler at North ern Liberty market.

mendations that towns and cities in North Carolina be urged to enact ordinances whereby five full days of

Representative Dies of the Beaumor

Favored in Resolutions.

The change was a surprise to the many at the navy yard, and it was with difficalled central, could not understand why a feminine voice answered.

LATIN AMERICA'S STAND

MAY HIT SPAIN HARD

Germany.
"The foreign minister outlined the tion of armored motor car companies. problem clearly and the ministries of finance and commerce gave statistics on imports and exports and the ministers

net meeting was a table showing that the losses in shipping attributable to the war now amounts to one-sixth of the total of Spanish tonnage. GEMS GONE FROM APARTMENT.

Two diamond rings, valued at \$300. disappeared yesterday afternoon from the apartment of Mrs. Carrie Bailey, a clerk in the District building, at 518 Several other articles of H street. fewelry and a small bank, containing more than \$20 in gold and \$6 in bills,

Detective Stringfellow visited Mrs Bailey's apartment and made an examination of the rooms, thinking the two rings probably had been misplaced. He failed to find any trace of the rings. however.

ied person who last night high cost of living problem for a t He helped himself to a box contain

WOULD MAKE MEN WORK.

labor each week would be required of Representative Blanton of the six- all able-bodied men, will be one of the Indefinite postponement is announced teenth Texas district, one of the larg- first measures to be considered by the commission at its initial meeting here next week, it was said today. Sugges-

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